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In re Reissue Application of MARCELLO TONCELLI	
Ser. No. 09/369,570	Examiner: Jeff H. Aftergut
Filed August 6, 1999	) Art Unit 1733
Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,670,007 Issued September 23, 1997	6/5/02
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Attorney Docket No. KOHZ 2 0002-4	)

## **AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 25, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended three months until May 27, 2003 by the enclosed petition for extension of time, please amend the captioned application as instructed below:

## In the Claims:

- A. Cancel claims 46-54 and 55-51.
- B. Amend claims 45, 61, and 65 to read as follows:

45. The process according to claim 39, wherein the reinforcing layer is made of metal,

and the metal is steel.